

Calvary Life

Vestry news

We are moving right along in our pre-search process for our new Rector. We have our Draft Core Values and Mission Statement, and just last Saturday we held our Vision Event. We had great turnout despite the weather, and I am very excited about the Vision that you as a parish have for Calvary! However, we are not done yet, and we still need your input for the following:

Rector Profile Event: On Sunday, June 6th, we will have just one Service, held at 9 am. This will be a blended service, with both traditional and contemporary music. Afterward, we will head into the Family Life Center for a brunch, followed by a workshop where we discuss and determine the attributes that we think our next Rector should possess. Again, all are encouraged to participate, and the nursery will be available for the workshop portion of the event, as well as children's activities for ages 4 to 11. Please RSVP for this important event, so that we will have enough supplies and seating arrangements for your comfort. You may respond via our website at www.calvaryrichmond.org, or by emailing Vickie Brewster VBrewster@ces-richmond.org with the number and name of participants, as well as the names and ages of the children for childcare.

Validation Survey: This survey is conducted to see how well you, as a parishioner, agree with the Draft Core Values, Mission Statement, and

Vision Statement. On this survey there will be places for you to comment and make suggestions. We will also use the survey to gather demographic information that is useful for making our Parish Profile, which will be sent to all potential Rector Candidates. The Parish Profile committee is led by Jason Kniss, and I know that he will appreciate your participation in this survey as well. Expect to see this survey in mid-June, where it will be posted on the website for reply. Arrangements will be made for those without email access. **The Search Committee** for our new Rector will be formed after the Rector Profile event. To be considered for the search committee, a candidate must be a confirmed communicant in the Episcopal Church, and a member in good standing at Calvary. Search committee members must undergo the mandatory training provided by the Diocese of Texas.

Other Vestry News:

- ◆ The rectory is now on the market, and is getting several favorable showings.
- ◆ The Vestry has approved for the Garden Advisory board to petition for 501 (c)3 status. It will be called the "Calvary Growing in Grace Community Gardens". This status will make it easier for the board to seek funding through grants.
- ◆ The renovation of the sanctuary has been

scheduled to begin July 19th, and is estimated to take six weeks for completion. During this time, we will have services in the Family Life Center. While the physical renovation is funded through dedicated gifts, there will be further opportunities for memorial gifts such as altar hangings, cathedral chairs for the music group, and perhaps other furniture if needed. If you are interested in contributing to a memorial gift, please contact Don Dunbar.

- ◆ The Proclamation Council has changed its name and mission. They are now the "Share Calvary Council" and their mission is to improve the communication and marketing of Calvary. For more information, see Vestry Liaison Hank Carl, or Council members Lynette Butler, Catherine Clark, Ruth Carrell, or John Lyons.

In His Service,
Betsy Zanghi
Sr. Warden

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS!

MAY 23RD – PENTECOST
SUNDAY

MAY 30TH – MEMORIAL DAY
WEEKEND

JUNE 6TH – ONE SERVICE AT
9AM FOLLOWED BY THE
RECTOR PROFILE EVENT.



CALVARY EPISCOPAL
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Vickie Brewster
Parish Admin.
Carole Andrews
Fin. Admin.
Anne Ondrusek
Garden Mgr.

**Don't Forget!
Sunday is Pentecost
Sunday!**

Wear Red

**For our parish photo
between services!**

**We'll meet in the parlor area
between services to celebrate
the High School Grads,
Efm Grads and
Pentecost Sunday!**

Vacation Bible School



**Vacation Bible School
SeaQuest: Diving for God's Treasure
July 19-23**

Jesus told stories full of clues, clues that reveal God deeply loves people and views each one as a valuable treasure. He actively seeks His audience.

Jesus also told stories that called for a decision, challenging those who heard Him to active obedience. Students are urged to value God, His love, and His Word as great treasures, and to demonstrate love for God by choosing to obey His commands.

SeaQuest: Diving for God's Treasure encourages students to dive into God's Word and find valuable treasure for their lives. God loves us so much that He sent His greatest treasure—Jesus. Students are challenged to give God first place in their lives and to use their

God-given treasure of time, talents, and money to serve God.

For more information, visit our website www.calvaryrichmond.org or contact Missy Marek in the office or at mdmarek@ces-richmond.org

Gifts for grads, dads, and brides and grooms to be!

Copies of Calvary's commemorative cookbook, *We Are What We Eat*, are still available and priced to sell.

Are you gifting a high school or college graduate and wondering what would really benefit his or her transition from home to college or college to the real world? Think about helping them save money by learning to cook for themselves and forego the fast food franchises. WAWWE is filled with many simple recipes and instructions on how to prepare healthy main dishes, tasty snacks, and easy to bake cookies.

Are the fathers in your life accomplished chefs or challenged in the kitchen? Either way a copy of WAWWE would make a great Father's Day gift...lots of easy old fa-

vorites and many new ideas as well.

Is there a wedding in your near future? And a bridal/couple's shower or two? Give a bride WAWWE and help her find that great way to her man's heart through his stomach. If a groom's inclined toward the kitchen, maybe he'd have more fun with WAWWE than a gift card from Home Depot.

For the next two Sundays (May 23rd and 30th) the cookbooks will be available in the Parish Hall between services and after the 10 o'clock service outside the main doors of the sanctuary. The books are \$8 a piece or 3 for \$20, cash or check (made out to Calvary Episcopal Church).

Photo Directory

The photo sessions were a huge success!

About 75 families had their photos taken!

If you were unable to get your photo taken, please send a snapshot to Vickie to be included in the directory.



Thank you so much for your commitment to making this directory happen!

May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Rite I Service 8am Christian Formation 9am Rite II Service 10am Radiate 4:30 –6:30pm Happy Birthday! Ellie O'Dell Jeff McClellan	17 Happy Birthday! Katie Cornell EfM 6:30 pm	18 Rite I Service 9:30am Vestry Meeting 6:30pm	19	20 Newsletter Weight Watchers 6:00 pm Worship Team Practice 7:00 pm Happy Birthday! Rebecca Maraman Leslie Armentini	21 Office closed	22 Open Door Mission 8-10am
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A Friendly Reminder...

Summer is about on us, the time when we travel, are less faithful in church attendance, and have the tendency to let our financial pledges fall behind. This is a typical, and I guess, normal pattern in churches everywhere, and in all denominations.

But, having said that, church life continues with all its financial bills and commitments which must be met. So, if you are currently behind in your Calvary pledge, please make every effort to bring it up to date. Come the Fall, you'll be glad you did; and we'll be able to keep the lights on! Lastly, being more faithful stewards of God's gifts that we all pledge to be, is a good and rewarding reminder of how much we are all so blessed.

As to summer, stay safe!

Fr. Scotty+

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

REVENUES	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Variance (Unfavorable)
Plate	\$7,135	\$8,333	(\$1,198)
Pledges	\$140,386	\$150,000	(\$9,614)
Interest/Other	\$624	\$833	(\$210)
Total Income	\$148,145	\$159,167	(\$11,021)
EXPENSES	\$185,054	\$159,504	(\$25,550)
NET TOTAL INCOME OR (LOSS)	(\$36,909)	(\$337)	(\$36,572)

CAPITAL CAMPAING (to date 6/1/08—4/30/10)

	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Variance (Unfavorable)
REVENUES	\$513,684	\$661,940	(\$148,256)
EXPENSES	*\$460,360		
NET TOTAL INCOME OR (LOSS)	\$53,324		

* Includes \$225,000 in loan principal payments

Lay Ministry Schedule

Dear Calvary Family,

The Calvary Episcopal Church Women's Retreat is just around the corner. We are trying to raise funds for various activities for the retreat plus scholarship money to help women attend the retreat. One way for us to do this is to get a little creative. We have designed a new t-shirt. that adults and children will love! (at least we think so) Here is the design that will go on the front of the t-shirt:



We hope to have a sample of a t-shirt online for you to view this week. We would love it if you would purchase a t-shirt to help support our cause.

The t-shirts come in several sizes and colors (see order form below). Please choose the appropriate color and size. The t-shirts are \$10/each. Make checks payable to Calvary Episcopal Church please. In the memo line, put Women's Retreat.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Phone #: _____

Orders, with payment, need to be turned in to Tina Broussard, Shauna Meyers or Debbie Helbert as soon as possible. They will be available for the next few Sunday's between services and after.

Colors: brown cyber pink sapphire red black lime navy

Sizes: Youth sizes - S M L (ex: YS, YM, YL)

Adult sizes - XS S M L XL (+\$1) XXL (+\$2)

size: _____ color: _____ qty: _____

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size: _____ color: _____ qty: _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

	MAY 23	MAY 30
Lay Readers		
8am	D. Bradley (LEM/WL)	B. Jacobson (LEM/WL)
10am	J. Kidida (LECTOR) My. Servantes (LEM/CB) T. Hillis (WL/CB)	S. Grotte (LECTOR) D. Dunbar (LEM/CB) M. Kidida (WL/CB)
Ushers		
8am	Frank Plut	Christian Iversen
10am	Fred Wagner Carol Wagner	Barbara Martin-c Charlie King Susan King Carole Andrews Louise Myers
Greeters		
10am	Duncan Zanghi	Carrell Scarborough
Acolytes		
8am		
10am		
parent volunteer	TBD	TBD
AltarGuild	Karen Bennett	Dorothy Lyons
Prayer Teams		
10am	Mike and Betty Anne	Tracy and Carol
Cook Team	Magnum Opus	Radiate
Vestry Person	Dan Bradley	Hank Carl
Flower Delivery	Wendy Doherty Anne Ondrusek	Sheila McCarn Ruth Carrell

Altar Flower Offerings

The flowers on the altar and in the chapel are given to the Glory of God and

May 23—In celebration of their first anniversary by John and Dorothy Lyons.

May 30—In celebration of John Lawson's 86th birthday by the Lawson and Salinas families.

There are still weeks available for sign up. The sign up sheet is in the solarium. Flowers are \$70 per week.



What's Your Rhythm?

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I believe parents are highly influential. In fact, while the average church leader gets about 40 hours a year with your son or daughter, a full time working parent who gets eight hours of sleep each night and doesn't homeschool has 3000 hours of influence with a child over a year. Seriously.

What do you do with all that influence?

I want to encourage you to create a rhythm at home that makes conversation about God *normal*.

Here's the thinking: Every family already has a rhythm. Yours does.

Mine does. And what happens in that rhythm becomes 'normal' for the kids. If you grew up in a musician's home, it might be normal to have artists around playing music. For others, it's just normal to see mom and dad out on long runs or it's normal to never miss a football game. In other families, it might be normal to build furniture or make custom jewelry. Whatever shows up in the rhythm of every day life in our

homes is perceived both to be 'normal' and to have value.

The question is: how does God get worked into the rhythm? See, sometimes God is someone who shows up on Sunday, but is absent the rest of the week. Not because He's not important, but because He doesn't have a role in our daily rhythm. For others, God shows up in our life over the week, but He's kind of awkward. You know the 'okay-now-that-dinner's-done-let's-read-the-bible-any-questions-can-we-be-excused' drill? God's there, but the dialogue's just not normal...not yet.

Here's what's true: the younger your kids are, the easier it is to create a rhythm. There's craft time, play time, nap time, meal time...you get the picture. Life is so structured, so it's easier to regularly incorporate faith into the rhythm of life. But the older they get, the more creative and purposed you have to be about creating a rhythm.

When your kids are younger, you can pray with them nightly and read

the bible regularly together. You can use the take-home resources from church to amplify at home what was happening at church. But beyond that, you can weave conversation about your faith into spontaneous moments too – in the same way you might talk about a great movie, a friend or sports.

As your kids enter their teen years, that spontaneous conversation will become so important. You can move them toward personal devotions (after all, faith ultimately has to become personal for everyone). I often find long car rides to be great times to dig into faith and life issues.

How about you? What age are your kids and what has become a best practice in your family for focusing your priorities on what matters most?

What's working for you? What have you tried that isn't working so well?

Missy D Marek
Christian Education Director

Discover

THE MAKING OF AMERICA

Your family will see, hear, and learn with exciting, unforgettable stories as well as fill-in-the-blank study guides—all developed by a master teacher, Dr. W. Cleon Skousen.

June 26, 2010

8:30am—4:30pm
(with intermittent breaks)

8:30am-12:00 noon - "**Developing America 's Great Success Formula**"

This is the exciting exploration which Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, Washington and others made in order to rediscover the key to the creation of the first free nation in modern times. We trace their adventure from 1400 B.C. to A.D. 1787

12:00-12:45pm - Lunch break

12:45pm-4:30pm - "**The Perfect Plan of Liberty**"

A refreshing look at the solid political and economic principles from the preamble through the amendments to the Constitution. You learn perhaps for the first time, how nearly every problem in America today can be solved by restoring these successful concepts.

SEMINAR FEE AND REGISTRATION:

\$10 per individual—\$25 per family
Fee includes a 135 page study guide.

Payment due by June 10, 2010.
Box lunches are available for \$7 and must be ordered at time of registration.

summer camp



July 23-25, 2010

Camp Allen
Conference and Retreat Center

Join moms of all ages for a weekend of relaxation, renewal and adventure!

Experience outdoor activities such as canoeing, guided nature walks, rock climbing, swimming, trail rides and skeet shooting. Enjoy creative activities from scrapbooking and quilting to pottery and cooking. Get a massage, pedicure, or take a nap! Other highlights include a women's speaker, dessert social and Chick Flick movie night.

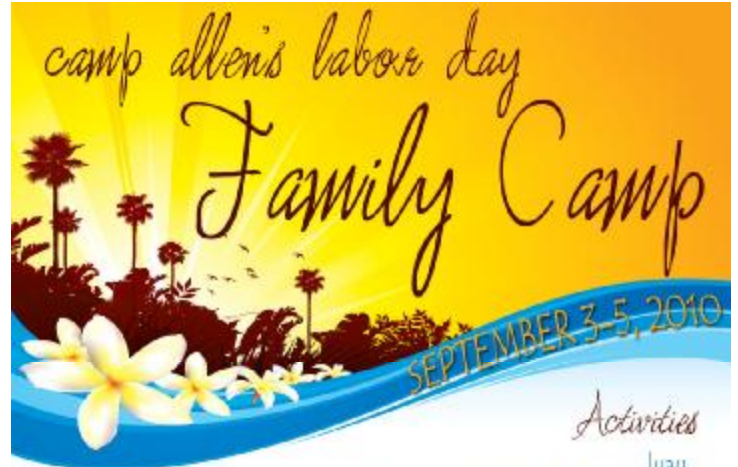
register

call: 936-825-7175
email: info@campallen.org
visit: campallen.org

rates

Double Occupancy: \$195
Single Occupancy: \$260

Rates include 2 nights hotel lodging, all meals, socials, and most activities. Massages, pedicures, horseback riding, and skeet shooting are available for a nominal fee.



Kick off the school year with a fun-filled family weekend in the piney woods!

Retreat Rates

Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)	\$435
Couple	\$335
Single	\$200
Additional Children	\$65

Rates include 2 nights hotel lodging, meals, and most activities. Massages, horseback riding, pony rides, and skeet shooting are available for a nominal fee. Children 2 and under are free & participants over 14 will be charged as adults. The retreat begins Friday at 5:00pm and concludes Sunday at 1:00pm.

Activities

- luau.
- hula & fire dancer show.
- outdoor ed classes.
- evening entertainment.
- family worship service.
- guided nature walks.
- giant inflatable waterslide.
- horseback riding.
- birding classes.
- fishing lessons.
- rock climbing.
- virtual theatre.
- skeet shooting.
- arts & crafts.
- swimming.
- moonjump.

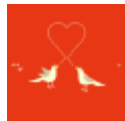
For additional information or to register, call 936.825.7175, email info@campallen.org or visit us at: campallen.org

Newsletter and Bulletin Deadlines

The newsletter is published on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Deadline to have article published is 10am on day of publication.

The weekly bulletin is printed on Wednesday afternoon. The deadline for that is 3pm on Wednesday.

Congratulations!



Anniversaries

John and Dorothy Lyons	1 years
Christian and Irene Iversen-	17 years
Carlos and Catherine Salinas-	27 years
Mike and Ann Kidda-	66 years!!

To all our graduating Seniors!
Come Celebrate with us Sunday!



Scholarships

Congratulations to Viridiana Toledo on being awarded the 2010 Jan Schiff Scholarship, which is given by the Literacy Council of Fort Bend County each year. Viri is enrolled at Wharton County Junior College and plans to become a Registered Nurse.
Way to go Viri!!!

Calvary Growing in Grace Community Garden

Every time I hear the official name for our community garden, it brings a smile to my face. For starters, it's a garden, and I love to garden. But this is no ordinary garden. Christ commissioned us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the afflicted, and this is one place where we answer that call in a very literal sense. It's also a community garden, dedicated to the people of Richmond. Set apart from the building that is our church, it's a place where we can go to *be* the Church, where we put our faith into motion and learn what it truly means to live in community with our neighbors. It's a place where we grow food for the poor, certainly, but it's also a place where we grow spiritually and bask in the fullness of His beneficent grace. And, dear friends, it's a Calvary garden, something we Episcopalians have done with our hands for the glory of God!



It's springtime in Richmond, so naturally the CGGCG is a very busy place these days. The winter harvest of carrots and broccoli has come and gone. New crops of tomatoes and squash and potatoes – and more! – are being planted and nurtured under the loving supervision of Anne Ondrusek and her merry band of gardeners. But, friends, the labor is great and our hands are few.

We need help! Anne is working hard to enlist the help of various organizations in our area (for this is truly a community project!), but it will not be enough. We need you! Yes, you, the one out there with the black thumb; the one who doesn't discern dill from dandelion. We need everyone at Calvary to embrace this project with their hearts and with their hands. You need not feel embarrassed about your lack of experience or interest. There are several garden pros around to help you get started, and a task board lists the chores that need to be done.

Folks, I realize that gardening is not for everyone, but it doesn't have to be. Sometimes we're all called to do things we don't particularly like. If every able-bodied member of Calvary volunteered one hour per month, our labor shortage would be solved. This is one of Calvary's most prominent service projects; this is the face of Calvary in the community. Failure is not an option! We took on this project to help the many people struggling to make ends meet, and for whom fresh vegetables are prohibitively expensive. So what does it say about us if we don't show up to learn ourselves, either because we have no interest or because we have no difficulty paying the supermarket for fresh produce for our own families?

What does it say about us if we throw money at the garden, but never take up a hoe?



I think we will discover that teaching gardening to a generation of non-gardeners is a very difficult task, requiring patience and determination over the course of many years. A lot has to happen to make this endeavor successful. People have to develop a sense of community, they have to experience the satisfaction of physical labor, and they have to learn to prefer broccoli over fast food. We will also find that having majority oversight on a board is not enough. During the last parish-wide work day, as I rested briefly on my knees, I had to remind myself that I was weeding the area we set aside as a sacred space. That implies a sacred trust. So, please, examine your busy schedule, and challenge yourself to find an hour or two to help feed the hungry. You may find, as I did, that it's also good place for prayer and quiet reflection. And couldn't we all use a little more of that?

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Dan Bradley

Lost, Found and Left Behind!

We have a small collection of glasses, dishes, umbrellas etc. in the work room. If you have recently left something behind, please feel free to check. Also, if you drop items off for receptions or gatherings, if we can identify that the dishes belong to someone and not the church, they are taken to the work room too! Stop in...you never know what you'll find!

Getting to know the Worship Team



Sheila Phillips, a former zoo-keeper and presently a storyteller by profession joined the music group (later named the POGs...*People of God*) shortly after she and her husband Dick came to Calvary. There were only 3 people in the group and everyone played guitar. She continued to play guitar and percussion instruments and sing until one day George Doherty said, "we need a bass player; Sheila why don't you learn the bass."... and so today Sheila plays the bass.



My name is Jordan Doherty, and I've grown up within the walls of Calvary. Music has always been my passion, and I plan to devote my life to its pursuit in Jesus' name. In fall of 2010, I will head off to Nashville, TN to begin major in music.



SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN

Wednesday,
June 2, 2010

Anyone volunteering in any capacity at the church or school is required to take this course. Those wishing to take the class may register by contacting:

Missy Marek

mdmarek@ces-richmond.org

Vickie Brewster

vbrewster@ces-richmond.org or

Mrs. Sawicki

msawicki@ces-richmond.org

Reminder...if you have a certificate that is expiring, you may renew online by contacting Missy Marek at:

mdmarek@ces-richmond.org.

For the Day of Pentecost, the Madrigal Singers will offer "Spirit Of God" during communion at the 8am service

Spirit of God

Words by George Croly (1780-1860)
Music by Frederick Atkinson (1841-1897)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art;
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The kindling of the heaven descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.
Amen.